



Board of Trustees Action Items

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Board Proclaims April 17th Through April 23rd as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Erie –

Recognizing that every community and every citizen has a role to play in emergency readiness, the Town of Erie Board of Trustees proclaimed the week of April 17th through 23rd as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Erie.

BACKGROUND: A vital component of the Town of Erie's emergency planning is individual and family emergency preparedness. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. Individuals could get help in hours, or it may take days. Basic services, such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment and telephones, may be cut off for days, even a week or longer. Families may have to evacuate at a moment's notice. In an effort to promote individual and family emergency preparedness, the Town advises all citizens to prepare an Emergency Kit with essential food, water, and supplies for at least three days (72 hours).

The Town of Erie encourages all Erie residents to maintain family emergency preparedness plans and 72-Hour family emergency kits in order to reduce the threats posed by severe weather. The Emergency Preparedness page on the Town's website has important links designed to help every Coloradan become prepared to respond to and recover from a wide array of disasters. Visit the [Emergency Preparedness](http://www.erieco.gov) page of the Town's website (www.erieco.gov) download your Pack – A – Kit Checklist today.

Board Approves 2011 Street Maintenance Program – The Board authorized the award of a construction contract for the 2011 Street Maintenance in the amount of \$479,072.69. The purpose of this program is to protect and preserve the value of the street assets and to maintain their safety and drivability. The Town of Erie annually budgets to make needed repairs to the Town's street system. Repair work generally consists of asphalt patching, overlay & reconstruction, and various surface treatments including: micro surfacing, rock seal, cape seal, slurry seal, chip seal, double chip seal, and/or hot applied chip seal. Work needed is identified using a pavement management program. The program evaluates needs at various locations throughout the Town. Streets included in the 2011 Street

Maintenance Program include the following: Cessna, Mooney, Erie Parkway, Kenosha, Sheridan* and Weld County Road 4*.

Communication Plan: Some of the work will be in residential areas. Staff and the contractor will host neighborhood meetings in affected areas describing the work and addressing any concerns. All roads will be one-lane accessible while completing work and not able to be driven upon for a short time after work is complete. The Town will also issue a News Flash on the website that will be sent to all who are registered with the Notify Me option. The contractor will personally post informational fliers within seventy-two hours of work commencing to all residents affected within five hundred feet of any work area. The contractor will also have Variable Message Signs posted on each end of all work areas within two weeks of work commencing.

* A cost analysis will be completed prior to Sheridan and Weld County Road 4 being completed. These segments will be completed with funds remaining.

Mayor Wilson Presents Young Patriots Award – Mayor Wilson presented the Young Patriots Award to James Briggs. James led those in attendance in reciting the pledge of allegiance. (See photo below.)



Photo: Mayor Joe Wilson presents the Young Patriots Award to James Briggs.

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings – The Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet in Study Session on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 6:30 pm. The next regularly scheduled [Board of Trustees](#)

meeting will be on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 6:30 pm. All meetings are held in the [Town Hall boardroom](#) located at 645 Holbrook Street in Erie.

More Information – Board of Trustees Action Items are brief summaries of some, but not all, agenda items and do not serve as the official meeting minutes. Select this link to view archived Board of Trustees meeting online via the Town's [On Demand Video](#) service. To request approved meeting minutes of Board of Trustees meetings, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at nparker@erieco.gov .

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